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1. DELIVERED AUG 22 THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PRESIDENT PENKOV OF BULGARIAN CHAMBER (HE HAD BEEN AWAY FOR MONTH'S VACATION). ALSO EXPLAINED POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN BOOTH LETTER TO POPOV, WHICH HAD SPOKEN OF "LAUNCHING OF THE (BINATIONAL) COUNCIL" AND LETTER TO PENKOV WHICH SPEAKS ONLY OF LUNCHEON "INCLUDING PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH BULGARIA". I SAID THE LUNCHEON WILL GIVE PENKOV AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP IN SHAPING THE COUNCIL.

2. PENKOV OF COURSE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO SIGNING CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON SEPT 24. I THEN ASKED HIM WHY HE THOUGHT HIS NAME DID NOT APPEAR ON THE LIST OF POPOV DELEGATION (REFTEL) AND HE SAID THIS IS PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WILL BE WITH POPOV ONLY DURING WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT AND, BESIDES, THE BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS "IN A SENSE THE BULGARIAN EQUIVALENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR " (THIS IS OF COURSE NONSENSE). WE SHOULD INCLUDE PENKOV IN OTHER APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF POPOV'S OFFICIAL SCHEDULE, BEARING IN MIND HOWEVER THAT HE IS ESSENTIALLY

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A VERY USEFUL BROKER AND NOT ONE OF THE DECISION-MAKERS.

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